

# CLARA SMITH CHARGED WITH MURDER OF HAMON

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## SURRENDERS TO SHERIFF

Chihuahua Official and Wife Befriended Fugitive While Across Border.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 23.—(A. P.)—Clara Barton Smith, alias under her person last night, surrendered to Sheriff El Paso, Tex., after being befriended by Chihuahua officials and her wife while crossing the border. The woman, who was sought since the shooting of millionaire Hamon back from Mexico, was taken to the home of her father, James L. Smith, in El Paso, where she was held. She was taken to the home of her father, James L. Smith, in El Paso, where she was held. She was taken to the home of her father, James L. Smith, in El Paso, where she was held.

## BEGS OLD SANTA TO RELEASE HER MOTHER

Texas Pardon Board Plays Good Old Saint to Little Child.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 23.—The Texas board of pardons, playing the good old saint to a little child, today granted a pardon to the mother of a girl who begged the board to release her mother. The girl, who is named Mary, is the daughter of a man who was convicted of a crime. The girl begged the board to release her mother, and the board granted the pardon.

## JEALOUS RIVAL SHOTS POLITICIAN

South Bend, Ind., Dec. 23.—Dallas A. Smith, politician, was shot and almost instantly killed today by a jealous rival. The shooting occurred in a public place, and the victim was killed.

## SLAYING OF SOLDIER BY MINER EXCITES JASPER

Jasper, Ala., Dec. 23.—More excitement is reported today in the Alabama town of Jasper, where a soldier was slain by a miner. The incident has caused a great deal of excitement in the town.

## "THIRD MAN" IN CASE

Woman Declares Judge Was Not Alone at Murder.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 23.—"Third man" is the name of a woman who today declared that a judge was not alone at a murder. The woman's statement has caused a great deal of excitement in the legal community.

## SAYS HAMON LEFT ONE-FOURTH OF ESTATE

Armstrong, Okla., Dec. 23.—James H. Mathers, of the firm of Mathers & Oakley, attorneys for Clara Barton Smith, today declared that Hamon left one-fourth of his estate to her.

## FLOODS FORECAST

New Orleans, Dec. 23.—Moderate floods in the Mississippi river at New Orleans, Ark., by Dec. 27 were forecast in a report issued by the district weather bureau here today. A stage of 30.5 feet was forecast.

## SENATE TO RECESS

Washington, Dec. 23.—Following the holiday plan of the house the senate recessed today for several days.

## CHOLERA AMONG REFUGEES

Constantinople, Dec. 23.—(I. N. S.)—Cholera has broken out in a camp of Russian refugees. Hundreds of cases have been reported, and the disease is feared to spread.

## FAIR, SAYS BILLY 'POSSUM

A turkey cornucopia, says a master, was the result of a fair. The fair was held in a public place, and the turkey was the main attraction.

## DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

The weather? Generally fair and colder tonight and tomorrow. The forecast is for a clear day with a light breeze.

## WOMAN KILLED

A woman was killed today in a public place. The incident has caused a great deal of excitement in the community.

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# CITY OF FLORENCE ISOLATED

Wires to Beleaguered City Cut—Italian Fleet Scours Gulf for Raiders.

## STATE OF WAR EXISTS

Triest, Dec. 23.—(A. P.)—Strong cordons of carabinieri and Alpine brigades in probably a score of battalions, have been thrown about Florence and completely isolated that city by land.

## WOMAN KILLED AND SEVERAL CHILDREN INJURED—FUNERAL PROCESSION HIT

Barwell, S. C., Dec. 23.—All is quiet here today after the tornado of Wednesday afternoon. Only one death is reported as a result of the storm.

## COTTON FLOATS IN GULF

Marshallville, Dec. 23.—A tornado struck Winchester, near here, late yesterday, causing damage estimated at between \$10,000 and \$20,000.

## SHIPS MUST COME UP TO PROPER STANDARD

Washington, Dec. 23.—Foreign ships on which conditions were below those required by the American laws, are being denied entrance to American ports.

## PAID ELECTION BET

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 23.—Miss Alice Robertson, congresswoman-elect from Oklahoma, today paid election bets. The bets were paid in a public place.

## THREATS OF DEATH

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 23.—Death threats have been made against Miss Alice Robertson, congresswoman-elect from Oklahoma. The threats were made in a public place.

## FATE RESTS WITH JURY

Washington, Dec. 23.—The case of Julius W. (Nicky) Aronson, charged with having conspired to bring stolen securities into the District of Columbia from New York, went to the jury this afternoon.

## TRANSMITS TREATY

Washington, Dec. 23.—The president today transmitted to the senate a commercial treaty with Spain, recently announced by the state department.

## SCHOONER BURNED

Penobscot, Me., Dec. 23.—The British schooner Ronald, a three-masted vessel of 264 tons, which was loaded at St. Andrews, Scotland, was burned today.

## ADMITS ASSAULTING WIFE

New Brunswick, N. J., Dec. 23.—Lieut. D. R. Newport, quartermaster at Langley field, admitted today in a signed statement that he was guilty of assaulting his wife.

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# Herrick, Upham, Daugherty Talk

Practical Issues With Harding

## Harding League

Not Political

## Pat Harrison Fires First Volley Against House Emergency Bill.

## PROTECTION FOR SUGAR

Washington, Dec. 23.—The first volley in the fight in the senate against the house emergency tariff bill was fired today by Senator Harrison, democrat of Mississippi. When the measure was introduced from the house he first made a roll call and then objected to its reading, and thus delayed until noon.

## AT POPE'S WARNING

ATTEMPTS TO TEAR DOWN AMERICAN FLAG

Washington, Dec. 23.—An attempt by British soldiers to tear down an American flag from her father's house in Queenstown, Ireland, was reported today by Mrs. Michael Molloy, of the committee of one hundred investigating conditions in Ireland.

## SAINTA'S ON THE JOB

\$10,000 Fund Raised for Strikers' Kiddies.

Charleston, W. Va.—Two freight cars loaded with candy, nuts, apples, oranges and Christmas toys have been sent to the thirty-three needy children in the West Virginia coal fields.

## POOR LITTLE RICH GIRL

Has \$22,000 in Bank, but Can't Draw It Out.

Florence Robinson of Fort Worth, Tex., who has a bank account in the city, has been called a "poor little rich girl" by the law from withdrawing a single cent of it.

## TRUST PROBE EFFECTIVE

Pipe Manufacturers are Also Ready to Disband.

New York, Dec. 23.—Readiness of another association in the building trades to disband and re-enter competitive business was announced today by the union of the joint legislative committee investigating the building trust.

## RICE CROP LARGER

New Orleans, Dec. 23.—Total rice production for Louisiana for this season is estimated by the state department in a report made public today by the local office of the bureau of crop estimates.

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